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diversity, if that's what is wanted. I was very pleased that Dick Herman, who has a long time been associated with the Lincoln newspaper, came in and testified for the constitutional amendment, and Robert Sittig, who is a retired professor of political science from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Both came in and testified in favor of the constitutional amendment. Now, just to give you some idea of what other states are doing, and if you have the handout that was passed out earlier this morning and have a chance to look at it, there are 10 states where the candidate for Governor selects their running mate before the primary; there are 10 states that do it the way Nebraska does; there are 5 states where the Lieutenant Governor candidate is selected at the party convention following the primary; and there are 18 states where the Governor and Lieutenant Governor run separately and they can have Lieutenant Governor Lieutenant...and the Governor may be of different political parties. Interestingly enough, there are seven states that do not have a Lieutenant Governor and a lot of times they are succeeded by the Speaker of the Legislature or the President of the Senate or whatever, so I'm not advocating that. But I think we would have a much better system in this state if the Lieutenant Governor was selected by the person who is running for the Governor position. That's the reason for LR 14CA and there is a committee amendment, and that concludes my opening remarks.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Schimek, you are recognized to open on the committee amendments. (AM0197 is found on page 499 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I think this one is an easy one to explain, but one never knows in this body. What the amendment does is removes the reference to a primary election and we discussed that in committee after we heard testimony from Dick Herman, who came in and mentioned that nowhere is...are primaries referenced in the constitution at all. And so we remove that and the thinking is that we're going to have to have some...probably some statutory language introduced to actually implement this constitutional amendment, but that the word "primary" shouldn't go in the constitution; that that should be done by statute instead if that is, indeed, what we want to do. There have been some suggestions that